

ABSTRACT

A sterilizer and storage container for kitchen tools, knives and cutting boards which sterilizes such items using ultraviolet light in the UV-C range. The sterilizer features a housing which encloses a receptacle made of a material or structure "transparent" to UV radiation for enclosing items to be sterilized, means for lifting and lowering utensils in said receptacle for ease of filling and emptying said receptacle, a source of UV light, a cover to seal the housing and prevent the leakage of UV light and a starter button to activate the UV light source. When the starter button is activated, UV light is directed through the receptacle and onto the items to be sterilized. The UV light destroys microorganisms on the surfaces of the items to be sterilized. The items are removed from the device in a sterilized state.